

Conference — Farmers — 1924.

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FARM CONFERENCE HELD BY NEGROES

MEN PROMINENT IN STATE AGRICULTURAL LINES ADDRESS GATHERING AT FORSYTH A. & M. STATE SCHOOL.

A Farmers' Conference which was taken part in by a number of agricultural and vocational leaders was held at the Forsyth A. & M. School on Wednesday and Thursday. The conference was well attended and the work accomplished will doubtless bear valuable fruit. The program of the conference follows:

Wednesday Morning.

Devotions led by Revs. T. M. Bush and W. A. Jones.

Remarks by S. H. Lee, demonstration agent.

General topic for discussion: Some of My Successes and Failures as a Farmer—Discussed by C. G. Goolsby, Ty Cheney, R. V. Watson, George W. Bush, Gus Wynn, Frank Freeman, John Crowder, S. H. Fleming, L. E. Hudson, Will Pharr, Rev. Moses Clements, Capt. C. J. Darby, Wesley B. Brady, L. H. Smith, John Clark, John Ponder, E. H. Hampton, Charlie Darden, Herbert Smith and others.

How I Manage to Help My Husband—This subject discussed by Mrs. J. A. Walton, Mrs. Henry Harris, Mrs. L. Blalock, Mrs. Neal Henson, Mrs. L. J. Taylor and others.

Welcome Address—Principal W. M. Hubbard.

Dinner.

Address—How to Grow Cotton Under Boll Weevil Conditions—Mr. Frank G. Ward, cotton specialist, agricultural college, Atlanta.

Address—Hitching Up the School to the Community—Prof. W. C. Strickland, principal County Training School. McDonough.

Address—The Fort Valley Ham Show—Prof. O. S. O'Neal, demonstration agent, Fort Valley.

Announcements. Dismissal.

8 p. m.—Spelling match and entertainment.

Thursday.

Officials, state and national, county agents, high school principals and other distinguished visitors will be present and speak, some of whom are Profs. F. A. Williams, state agent; Alva Tabor, itinerant teacher trainer; P. H. Stone, state club agent; Wm. R. King, local agent; Miss Ruby C. O'Neal, home demonstration agent; W. A. Johnson, district agent; B. O. Childs, county agent; J. F. Bazemore, agricultural agent Central of Georgia railway; H. C. Appleton, field crop specialist; W. A. McCoy, poultry specialist; Hon. N. H. Ballard, state superintendent of schools; Dr. H. O. Sargent, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Walter B. Hill, special supervisor; Mr. Paul W. Chapman, supervisor agricultural education, and many others. Addresses from most of these men were heard Thursday.

Clarke Negro Farmers Make Plans For Year

The Negro Farmer's Conference closed at Jeruel Baptist Institute here Friday after a successful two day session. Many fine addresses were made during the meeting and plans for the ensuing year were formulated.

Thursday's program was marked by addresses by Chancellor D. C. Barrow and Mrs. R. L. Loven, Jackson county agent. During the course of the day instructional lectures were contributed by Prof. J. H. Woods and Dr. J. R. Fain, both of the Georgia State College of Agriculture. The first day session closed with moving pictures and illustrations.

Friday's session of the conference was very well grouped and many fine addresses and lectures

were delivered. After the devotional exercises D. A. Stark, negro farm demonstration agent for this county gave a lecture on the production of live stock in this section and was followed by J. W. Firor, Clarke farm agent.

After the fine address of Dr. A. M. Stule, president of the Agricultural College the session adjourned for lunch.

The major portion of the afternoon was taken up with talks and lectures on the organizing of beneficial clubs and on canning and preserving. Prof. P. H. Stone and L. Cornelia Weems were the speakers. Late in the day the plans for the ensuing year were formulated and then came the judging of farm products that were exhibited throughout the sessions.

Motion pictures closed the meeting and after this came an appeal to the farmers were thanked for the staples that they had brought and who helped greatly in making the meeting a great success.

S. E. GEORGIA FARMERS HOLD BIG MEETING

Reports Show Excellent Work Done By Farmers

Kinlaw, Aug. 1.—The tenth annual meeting of farmers of southeast Georgia met here yesterday and today, with farmers in attendance from several counties. Early Thursday morning, farmers started coming in from all directions. Many on foot, some on mules, in buggies, autos and train, the larger number coming by autos.

Three of the sessions were held in the auditorium of the Kinlaw Rosenwald School. The canning club and farmers' institute of Camden county lavishly entertained the visitors under the guidance of Mrs. Matilda A. Harvis, home demonstration agent of Camden county. Hot meals were prepared in the domestic science room of the school by club women and the banquet by the canning clubs of the county. The day's work was excellent.

The reports from the various Farmers' Institutes, canning clubs, boys'

clubs and girls' clubs showed great progress being made by Negro progress and communities working with the farm and home demonstration agents. One farmer reported, when he began following the demonstration agent's instructions and attending the mass meetings, he was growing only ten bushels of corn per acre, and had to plant 200 acres in corn and often made less than 200 bushels. Now with the help of his demonstration agent, information gained by attending his farmers' meetings every month, he is planting only 10 acres in corn and expects not less than 450 bushels.

At the first annual mass meeting, out of a court house packed with people, not one woman could report 15 jars of fruits and vegetables put up for her family use, and no one had ever canned corn. At this tenth annual mass meeting, delegates from senior and junior canning clubs reported thousands of cans and jars of all kinds of fruits and vegetables.

The progress being made by Negro farmers and their families through the teachings of the demonstration agents, is marvelous and one need only attend these big gatherings of farmers' clubs and mass meetings to realize it.

Amos George, president; Mrs. Marie West, secretary and S. Wilson treasurer, were re-elected unanimously. Mrs. Ada Roberts was unanimously elected vice-president, being the first woman to hold office. Among the prominent speakers were Rev. S. Q. Mitchell and Father Perry of Brunswick.

The mass meeting goes to Brunswick next year.

FARMERS OF PELHAM HOLD CONFERENCE

The Mitchell Co. Training school of Pelham, Ga., held a colored farmers' conference, Nov. 7, which was very enthusiastic with over 500 farmers and their wives telling their past year's experiences and suggesting better programs for the coming year.

The afternoon session with about 200 in number was thrilled with lectures from Prof. Alva Tabor, Itinerant Teacher-Trainer, J. R. Sloan, county school superintendent of Mitchell county, and Dr. J. O. Rainey, county health commissioner. All of these talks stressed the fact that an industrial education is the most useful and best education for the masses with special emphasis on vocational education.

This session was closed with a \$37.00 collection taken by Dr. Rainey for the school, after which time dinner was served by Miss Pantaleon in charge of the home economics department of this school.

Hon. T. A. Barrow, editor of the Pelham Journal and Prof. W. M. Hubbard, principal, A. and M. State school, Forsyth, Ga., were speakers of the evening and never before have we been so highly entertained as we were by these men. They left inspired hearts, broader visions and greater determinations in the county and as a result, we are making greater programs and looking for better results along the agricultural lines.

Mrs. M. E. Walker, state extension worker, was also present for the purpose of holding an institute for Mitchell county teachers which took place on the 10th, lasting through the 11th. We were proud to have had these educators among us and feel that their coming was not in vain.

The institute was closed after going into a parent teacher association with 25 parents who pledged their cooperation with teachers for better schools, better communities, better county, better state and better race.

We were favored with an address by the county school superintendent, Hon. J. R. Cloan of Camilla, Ga., in which self help was stressed that improvement as a teacher might be made.

COLORED FARMERS HOLD CONFERENCE

IN CONNECTION WITH VOCATIONAL WORK AT MITCHELL COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL.

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This session was closed with a collection amounting to \$37.00 taken by Dr. Rainey for the school, after which dinner was served by Miss M. V. Pantaleon, in charge of Home Economics Department of this school.

The second session was held at 8 o'clock, opening with old plantation melodies by school chorus which seemed to have joined all present in a musical band.

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The institute was closed after going into a Parent-Teacher Association with twenty-five parents who pledged their co-operation with teachers for better schools, better communities, better county, better state and better race.

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NEGRO FARMERS' PARLEY PLANNED

Governor and Other Leaders in Louisiana to Be Speakers.

Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 9.—J. S. Clark, president, announces the ninth annual session of the Southern university negro farmers' conference to be held at Southern university, Baton Rouge, next Thursday and Friday.

The Southern university farmers' conference is now one of the outstanding features in the annual program of the institution. The conference aims at the needs of helping many of the negro farmers in the state in obtaining land, homes, better stock and better educational advantages. In addition to the experience of the local farmers, the conference this year will be addressed by Dr. W. R. Perkins, director of experiment station, Louisiana State university; Dr. Oscar Dowling, president Louisiana State Board of Health; Harry D. Wilson, commissioner of agriculture; T. H. Harris, state superintendent of education; John M. Parker, governor of the state; T. M. Campbell, field agent, United States department of extension; B. F. Hubert, director of agriculture, Tuskegee Institute.

The principal topics discussed this year will be: "How to Make Farming a Safe and Sound Investment;" "How to Create a Greater Enthusiasm for Farming;" The Relation of Farming to the Other Activities, Marketing, Co-operation, Better Homes, Better Schools, Better Churches, Better Health, Rural Contentedness," etc.

All visiting farmers will be the guests of Southern university. Farmers from all sections of the state are invited and expected to attend this meeting. The farm demonstration agents will have special exhibits and demonstrations for all visiting farmers.

President Clark said: "There never was a time in the history of the country when agriculture should be stressed more than now. The farmers must be encouraged as well as helped, and it is the business of this farmers' conference to encourage and help the farmers throughout the state. The raising of livestock, the growing of vegetables as well as general crops, must receive increased attention if our state is to take, as it should, the foremost rank in the agricultural list. All of the forces should feel called upon to share in this new agricultural program that is now being put on in the state of Louisiana in order to increase the agricultural production; and with this in view, the farmers' conference of Southern university hopes to do its bit in helping to develop the larger agricultural activities that must increase the wealth and happiness of all the people."

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NEGRO FARMERS

BACK EDUCATION

AT ANNUAL RALLY

Farm Questions Discussed
and Leaders Address
Conference.

Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 20.—When the Southern University Farmers' Conference, Baton Rouge, was called to order fully 500 farmers and visitors were assembled in the auditorium to witness and take part in the last day's program that had been arranged. The program as announced by President Clark was: "In Farming, Teaching, or Preaching? What Am I Doing to Help My Community?" This subject was discussed by Albert Britton, Calhoun, Davis Smith, Opelousas, J. M. Frazier, Baton Rouge, W. H. Head, Monroe, J. E. Watson, Leland college, Baker, La., Hank Young, Zachary, and J. H. Haver, Idell.

The second topic, "How the School Can Relate Themselves to Farming," was discussed by Ida Nance-Given, Doratha Wilbert, Velma Perkins, J. W. Jones, Shreveport, and Jerusha Park-Griffin, Lake Providence, La.

"Farm Conveniences and Sanitation," was discussed by J. S. Jones and T. J. Jordan, Scotlandville. These topics made up the first half of the day's program. During the discussions many helpful suggestions were given.

Among the other questions advanced and answered were: What acreage of cotton would you advise the farmer to plant? Would it be profitable for the average farmer to field select seed? Can a farmer make money growing cotton when his average yield is one-third bale to the acre? What methods would you recommend to control cutworms in corn? How can the farmer be induced to field select seed corn? Has the failure to select seed corn kept down the yield in the South? What methods would you recommend for the growing of marketable watermelons? What fertilizer would you recommend for growing of onions? What fertilizer would you recommend for the growing of sweet potatoes? What breed of chickens would you recommend to the farmer for the best results?

All of the above questions were discussed and answered by Professor B. F. Hubert, head of the agricultural department, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

LAND OWNERSHIP URGED

In addition to answering these questions Professor Hubert delivered an address on farming, pointing out the dignity of the soil and calling particular attention to land ownership and urging the farmers not to sell their land.

The conference was favored with a visit by Thomas J. Donovan, Washington, D. C., and Reverend Fathers Slater, Colbert and Blaskia of Baton Rouge, La.

An address by State Superintendent Harris, who spoke on the subject, "What Can Be Done to Keep the People on the Farm?" was de-

ivered. Mr. Harris spoke in part as follows:

"Agriculture is one of our chief aims in this state, and I am always willing to do what I can to help with the advancement of this interest. I am not able to give you any technical advice on the subject of farming, and yet, I am going to try to answer the question that this farmer of Ouachita parish raised—'What are you going to do about this matter of farming?' Agriculture pays about 16 per cent of the taxes in the state, but he advocated getting better schools for the agricultural districts as well as for cities and towns.

"My first answer to the question, 'What Are You Going to do About Farming Conditions is,' to organize and maintain good schools in the state. Second, by having a satisfied population in the state. Citizens who are willing to stay in a country community and remain ignorant are not fit to farm or do anything else. There must be established good schools not only in the cities but in the rural communities as well. Farming is not a profession for making money, it is the profession for the making of a home, and not a business to make money. There will always be two classes of farmers. Those who own their homes and those who are tenants. The home owning type should be increased. If a man owns property he will make a good citizen. The man who roams around and works for 75 cents or \$1 per day here there, and yonder, has not the pride that the home owner has.

"You want to have at least one institution of high order in the state that stands for the advancement of the colored people in the state. Southern university is your state institution for higher education. This institution will pledge itself to give the noblest inspiration to farming. I hope to see the school expand as necessities crowd upon it. The institution enjoys a good reputation throughout the state. It has a good influence upon the people of the state. We want here to make the people think straight. People should reach good conclusions, have good character, be intelligent and love to do the right. If that is all over the state of Louisiana, nothing can hold us back."

Mr. Harris' address was listened to by a large number of colored citizens who regarded his advice to the farmers as the best that could be given.

The afternoon session of the conference was given over to listening to a second address by Professor Hubert of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, who discussed "The opportunities Louisiana offers in agriculture." He urged the farmers to give more attention to the preserving of the soil; raising of livestock and beautifying the homes. He laid special emphasis on the raising of hogs and poultry.

SERVES PEOPLE OF STATE

The closing address was made by J. S. Clark, president, who called particular attention to the valuable information the farmers' conference had given to the farmers at this session. He told the farmers that the conference would not mean much to them unless they put into practice what they had been taught. Said he, "If you follow the advice given by Superintendent Harris, Professor Hubert, Dr. Perkins and others, success is assured. I am more hopeful over the agricultural and educational outlook in the state of Louisiana than I have been in a long time. I believe that it is the desire of the best thinking people of the state to provide larger

facilities for education and better opportunities for farming; therefore, I am urging you farmers to go forth and do your full duty."

In his closing address he emphasized the agricultural training that Southern university offers in connection with higher education. He pointed out what the graduates are doing in the schools, in the homes and on the farms. He said the institution, notwithstanding is overcrowded, but is making efforts to so expand so as to render larger service to all of the people of the state.

At the close of the session the following resolutions were offered:

"Whereas: It is our pleasure to assemble at Southern university every year as farmers and rural workers to discuss such questions, and to listen to such instructions as relate themselves to the farming interest of the state.

"Be it resolved, that we go down on record as approving this annual gathering of farmers and other rural workers.

"We also commend that state board of education and President J. S. Clark for making this conference possible.

"We give our hearty endorsement to President Clark's petition for a library building with a science hall and auditorium, and another boys' dormitory.

"We further urge upon our board of education, the building of a special agricultural building with all modern equipment and accommodations for the successful teaching of the subject of agriculture in all of its phases at Southern university.

"In view of the fact that there can be no complete development in agriculture without education, the farmers are interested in the education of their children now, as never before. It is our hope that pressure will be brought to bear in the various parishes, to give better equipped school houses, longer terms, and greater educational advantages to all of the children of the state.

"In order that the agricultural interest may be fully developed throughout the state, it is our hope that wherever there is a special bond issue floated, there will be some provisions made for the building of colored schools.

"We highly appreciate Governor Parker's endorsement of agriculture.

"We highly commend and endorse Superintendent T. H. Harris for his four-square position for the education of all of the people of the state. Honorable Harry D. Wilson, commissioner of agriculture, and Dr. W. R. Perkins, director of extension, are to be congratulated for the unstinted support they have given to make the Southern University Farmers' Conference a success.

"We urge negro farmers not to sell their homes and land but whenever an opportunity comes, buy more and build homes, live a peaceful citizen's life and thus become the state's assets rather than the state's liabilities.

"The Southern University Farmers' Conference is willing to pledge its support and endorsement to all of the agricultural interests of the state, and stands out ever willing to cooperate in any way possible to help make the state of Louisiana the greatest one in the agricultural list."

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NEGRO FARMERS WILL
MEET AUGUST 19-20

Annual Convention Will
Be Held Near Elizabeth
City.

ELIZABETH CITY, June 22.—The North Carolina Negro Farmers' Congress will be held in this city during August 19 and 20, according to statement issued here today. This will be the first time that the Congress has ever met in this section of the State, it was said.

A very interesting and practical program has been arranged, it was stated by the secretary, John Wray. Some of the leading agriculturists of the State will address the Congress and discussions on the practical problems now facing the farmers will be held.

Free entertainment will be provided for all those desiring to attend the Congress, if they notify John Mitchell at the Elizabeth City State Normal School before August 15, it was stated. After that time the applicants can not be guaranteed free entertainment. The Congress will be met at the Normal School.

The negro farmers of the State are urged to attend the Congress as some of leading Federal Agricultural Department experts have accepted invitations to appear before the Congress and make helpful talks on farming.

Professor C. R. Hudson, State agent, Raleigh, is chairman of the executive committee; and Professor T. S. Inborden, of the Joseph K. Bricks School is president.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD
FOR NEGRO FARMERS

Raleigh, N. C. May 26.—During the summer months, several important meetings will be held for club members in each of the thirty-three counties where organized club work

is being conducted for Negro boys and girls. Not only will the club members have their regular local and weekly meetings but each county is to have a round-up with specially prepared programs for recreation, instruction and social entertainment. Preparations have also been made for three larger district or statewide meetings at which all of the organized clubs are supposed to have representatives. The first of these as announced by C. R. Hudson, in charge of Negro Farm Demonstration Work for the State College at Greensboro where the President of the College has offered to entertain the club members free of charge as to board and lodgings and where both he and the faculty members will be available for making the course both valuable and instructive. This short course will last four days.

Mr. Hudson states that another meeting will be held in the northeastern section of the State, either at the Bricks Agricultural, Industrial and Normal School in Edgecombe County, or at the Hertford County Training School at Winton. The Principals of both of these Schools have tendered Mr. Hudson the use of their dormitories free, charging only actual cost for board. The third of the group of meetings will be held somewhere in the southeastern section of the State, probably at some educational institution that has dormitory and dining-room facilities. Mr. Hudson also plans to visit that Branch Station farm which is convenient to each of the three meetings. The programs will consist largely of practical work in making rope halters, feed troughs, chicken coops, and other farm equipment by the boys; and, of patch work, making simple garments, fly traps and breadmaking by girls. There will be poultry judging, poultry culling, egg grading, egg packing, and various other practical lessons suitable for the club members.

"In addition to these meetings" says Mr. Hudson, "there will be an annual meeting of the State Negro Farmers' Conference which was organized and is largely sponsored by the Negro Demonstration Division. This will be at Elizabeth City during August. The Negro Business

League of that place, together with the Principal of the Industrial School and other citizens, is arranging to entertain the farmers free of cost during the two day session. The last meeting of the Conference which was a splendid one, was held at Clinton. The next one will be held at Greensboro, thus in a way, bringing these meetings within convenient reach of practically all Negro farmers in the State. Programs and further announcement of all of the above meetings will be made later."

FARMERS HOLD
SEMI-ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

(Special to Norfolk Journal and Guide)

Elizabeth City, N.C.—The semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina Negro Farmers' Congress was held at the State Normal School August 18, 19 and 20. The session opened Monday night at Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Zion Church with singing led by Prof. Henderson, followed by prayer by Rev. M. R. Lane, pastor of Antioch Presbyterian Church. Prof. J. H. Bias, president of the Negro Business League acted as chairman of the meeting. Attorney W. L. Cohoon, delivered the welcome address on behalf of the mayor and the city. Mr. W. H. Holland, cashier of the Albemarle Bank, delivered the welcome address on behalf of the Negro Business of Elizabeth City and Mr. Joseph Woodhouse the address on behalf of the county.

Tuesday the session got down to real business, hearing the annual address of the president, Prof. T. S. Inborden, and a lecture by Mr. J. S. Mitchell, local agent, of Gates county. "The importance of Home ownership was the main point in the address. How I bought my farm and home was explained in a short talk by Mr. Frank Lytle, of Huntersville, N. C. The talk was very interesting and valuable to those present. Mr. B. F. Bullock, Director of the Agricultural De-

partment of A. and T. College, Greensboro, spoke on the value of education in connection with ownership. Mr. C. R. Hudson, State Agent of the Extension Service, of Raleigh, N. C., and J. W. Mitchell, Local County Agent, of Pasquotank county, were the chief speakers of the Tuesday afternoon session. Mr. Hudson explained the value of soil fertility and county agent, J. W. Mitchell, talked on food and feed crops.

The addresses by Mr. J. B. Pierce and Mr. I. C. Schaub, both connected with the Extension Service of the State were good. Music was furnished by Mt. Lebanon choir.

The Wednesday morning session opened with a lecture on the, "Family cow, her feed, and care," by Mr. A. C. Kimsey. Mr. O. F. McCrary, district agent, spoke on "Pastures and how to make them." "Cheap work on the farm," was the title of a lecture by Mr. W. W. Shay. Mr. John D. Wray, club agent Agricultural Extension Service of A. and T. College at Greensboro, N. C., spoke on "The value of poultry on the farm," Mr. C. R. Hudson, of the Extension Service spoke on "Farm tenancy problems."

Wednesday afternoon, Mr. J. A. Evans, Boll Weevil expert of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., told what to do about the weevil this fall.

Mr. U. B. Blalock and Mr. T. C. Walker made chief addresses at the Wednesday night session. The meeting adjourned after the different committees made their reports. Those who attended the session gained valuable information on their farm problems.

About 300 farmers attended the congress, some of them from remote sections of the State.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, local county agent, through the courtesies of the citizens of the city received many congratulations upon the royal entertainment given all who attended the congress.

NEGRO FARMERS OF STATE MEET IN GREENSBORO

Corn Show to Be Feature of
Annual Congress to Con-
vene January 21

GREENSBORO, Dec. 1.—Progressive negro farmers of North Carolina will meet at the A. and T. college, of Greensboro, on January 21 and 22, to attend the annual session of the North Carolina State Negro Farmers' Congress, according to Prof. C. R. Hudson, in charge of negro extension work for state college.

At a conference recently held at the A. and T. college here, a program for the meeting was prepared which includes lectures and addresses by members of the Agricultural Extension Division of State college and by workers from the State Department of Agriculture. According to Mr. Hudson, the Agricultural and Technical college is prepared to furnish lodging free of charge and will also serve meals at a very small cost. This, it was said, will apply to every negro farmer attending the meeting, provided he notifies the college authorities in advance of his intention of taking advantage of the courtesies extended to him.

"One of the features of the meeting," says Mr. Hudson, "will be a corn show with exhibits of corn arranged in the auditorium of the main building. Judging contests have also been prepared in which over \$100 in cash prizes will be awarded. A number of other demonstrations have also been planned."

Among the subjects to be discussed, it is stated, will be soil improvement, fertilizers, cotton growing in Piedmont North Carolina, tobacco production, corn growing, growing and marketing of truck crops, the value of milk, the production of swine and poultry, and problems of rural betterment. The two night sessions will be devoted to educational and inspirational addresses.

"These meetings have proven to be of great value to the negro farmers of the state," says Mr. Hudson. "They were started and are now largely continued by the Division of Negro Farm Demonstration work, and we hold at least two general meetings of this kind every year. One of these meetings is held at the A. and T. college, at Greensboro, and the other at various places about over the eastern counties. The Greensboro meeting is generally held during the winter months, while the eastern meeting is held during the summer. We are now planning the organization of special county associations for the promotion of better agriculture and

home economics among the negro people."

The officers of the Negro Farmers' Congress are T. S. Imboden, Brick, N. C., president and John D. Wray, Greensboro, secretary. The secretary has charge of the negro club work of the State College Extension Division. C. R. Hudson, of the negro extension work, is chairman of the executive committee of the congress.

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AT A. AND T. COLLEGE

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Texas.

FARMERS' CONGRESS WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEETING AT P. V.

Special to The Informer.

Prairie View, Texas.—The seventeenth annual meeting of the Farmers' Congress will be held at Prairie View College August 4-6, 1924. A carefully planned program has been made for this meeting, which covers the discussion of the many problems confronting the Texas farmer.

At some time during the meeting every phase of farm life will be touched upon, and farmers will be given a chance to ask for information on any problem that may confront them. A large attendance is expected, as many features of interest have been added to the program to make it more helpful in every way to the farmers in attendance.

In addition to the adult farmers and their wives who will attend, the local farm and home demonstration agents will bring large numbers of boy and girl club members. Specialists from A. and M. College will attend this meeting to give information to the farmers and help to make this the very best meeting we have had with the farmers.

Rates will be 25 cents per meal. Ample housing space will be available, as the summer school closes just before the opening of the congress. All farmers and those interested in farming are invited to attend.

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COLORED FARMERS TO BE IN BIG MEETING AT LANE COLLEGE, FEBRUARY 28TH, 29TH. NOTED SPEAKERS ON PROGRAM

Jackson, Tenn., Feb. 1, 1924 (Special)
The Negro Farmers Conference that will be held at Lane College, February 28th, 29th, promises to surpass all previous meetings in point of interest and attendance. This conference has become a feature among the colored people, and each year they attend in large numbers, coming from far and near. The College authorities state that already large delegations are making preparations to come from Gibson, Carroll, Hardeman and Haywood Counties, and it is hoped that a good many farmers will come from the other near-by counties. Farmers this year are in trouble, and it is an open secret that the boll weevil is responsible for this trouble. If there is any way by which the pest can be subdued and its ravages stopped, the farmers, colored and white, want to know. Thursday morning, February the 28th is the time set aside for the discussion of "How to Grow Cotton Under Boll Weevil Conditions." Prof. S. A. Roberts of the State Experiment Station, Mr. W. A. Dobbins, our County Demonstration Agents, Dr. H. A. Morgan, the President of the University of Tennessee, the teachers of Agriculture in Lane College, and other men of large preparation will be on hand to furnish such information as

enable each farmer to grow cotton successfully despite the presence and activity of the boll weevil. These men will make clear the fact that it is not necessary to leave Tennessee in order to raise cotton. Dairying, poultry and stock raising, as well as crops will be given due consideration.

New Features.

The scope of the work of the Conference has been extended so as to embrace some new features. Heretofore, agricultural interests have claimed a very large place on our program. While these agricultural subjects will necessarily be emphasized and stressed, we shall divide the time with discussions of other subjects of great importance.

For the first time, inter-racial goodwill and Christian fellowship will be

made a prominent feature of the Conference. Prof. C. A. Derryberry of Jackson, Mr. J. D. Burton of Nashville and Mr. R. E. Clay of Bristol and other men of large influence have been asked to address the conference on this subject. Friday morning will probably be given to this work. In connection with this, there will be a discussion of better schools, better health, better churches, better social and living conditions among the people, especially those who live on the farms. Invitations are being extended to Supt. W. A. Malone of the County Schools and Supt. C. J. Hams of the City schools, also a member of the State Board of Education to address the Conference at this hour.

Colored People Face Rural Problems

Colored people share generously in all the disadvantages, hardships and inconveniences incident to life on the farm. The low prices paid for the money crops during the past year, the appearance of the boll weevil, inferior educational and religious advantages, the want of ready market for their crops are some of the conditions that have made for unrest and dissatisfaction among them. Thousands of people, both colored and white, have quit the farms, and have moved to towns and cities where employment in shops and factories is sought.

A Greater and Better South

It is an economic fact that every man, regardless of race, who is a producer of wealth is an asset to the community, while on the other hand every one who is a consumer only, is a liability. It stands to reason that the state is richer and better when all its citizens are industrious, frugal and intelligent. The Lane College Farmers' Conference seeks to encourage and inspire the colored farmer in all his efforts to advance himself as a worthy citizen. As a matter of fact, his farm must be made more productive, his home must be improved and beautified, the farm of school for his children must be lengthened, his teachers must be better prepared and better paid, his moral and religious life strengthened, and his standard of living must be raised; the strong arm of

the law must be used and felt to such an extent that the Negro out in the rural district is made to feel as secure in life and property as he would be in any city in any part of the country. He must be made to realize that intelligence, character and industry count in determining one's status as a man. When this is done, he will then adjust himself to the task of making himself a more patriotic and useful citizen. This is the only way by which we can have a greater and better south. Other programs may be announced and launched, but this is the only one that will carry us to the goal.

The conference is not a political or denominational organization. It deals only with economic, social, religious, moral and educational interest of the people, and is not seeking political or religious converts.

Mass Meeting at Night.

As heretofore, a big mass meeting will be held each night. Dr. S. W. Proctor of Memphis, Atty. Hardin of Jackson, Mrs. Copeland of Kentucky, Dr. Mack T. Williams, Editor G. C. Parker and Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson of Washington, D. C., will be the star speakers at the mass meeting of the Conference.

**Conference Of Farmers
Scheduled For Whaleyville**

The Farmers' Conference will hold their regular meeting at Whaleyville Mineral Spring Baptist church, on April 4. The subject will be "How to Farm and When?" The organization hopes to have with them on this occasion Paul S. Blandford, county agent, who will make an address.

The Farmers' Conference has about 200 members and is doing excellent work for the colored farmers of that section. T. L. G. Walden is president of the organization and F. A. Hodges is secretary.

NEGRO MINISTERS AND FARMERS WILL MEET AT HAMPTON

Hampton, Va., June 21—Warren K. Blodgett, director of the Hampton Institute School of Agriculture, announces that Aaron Sapiro, who is well known for his successful efforts in furthering co-operation among farmers, will be present at the Hampton Institute Farmers' Conference, which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 25 and 26. Mr. Sapiro will speak in Ogden Hall at 11 a.m. on June 25.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Ministers' Conference at Hampton Institute will be held in Memorial Church June 23 to 27, under the direction of the Rev. Laurence Fenninger, chaplain of Hampton Institute. The Conference lecturers will include Dr. James Hardy Dillard; Prof. Kemper Fullerton, professor of Old Testament in the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, O.; the Rt. Rev. Lynwood W. Kyles, D.D., Bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.; the Rev. Dr. Pezavis O'Connell, professor of History in Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.; the Rev. Arthur L. Swift, Jr., director of field work in Union Theological Seminary, New York; the Rev. Dr. Lacy K. Williams, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, and president of the National Baptist Convention, Chicago; and the Rev. Dr. Warren H. Wilson, director of the town and County department, Board of National Missions in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and Professor at Columbia University.